

IDAHO COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES MINUTES FOR JANUARY 29-30, 2004 MEETING

<p style="text-align: center;">Full Council Meeting Date: January 30, 2004 Time: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Location: Red Lion Downtown, Selway Room</p>	
Call to Order	Theresa Wilding called the meeting to order at 8:35 am.
Welcome, Opening Statements, Introductions, Announcements and Perfection of Agenda	<p>Theresa introduced and welcomed Wendy Shelman from Pocatello who is our new member replacing Kathy Gneiting. We are still waiting for the Governor's office to make it official. She is a graduate of Partners in Policymaking and teaches debate.</p> <p>Additions to the Agenda: During "Open Forum" there will be discussion and instructions on filling out reimbursement forms. There were no other changes or additions to the agenda.</p> <p>Announcements: Marilyn provided information on the Best of the West Region X conference being held in April.</p> <p>Theresa asked everyone to review ground rules and to follow them to help the meeting go smoother</p>
Roll Call	<p><u>Council members present:</u> Theresa Wilding, Liz Ricciardi, Alice Florence, Jim Baugh, Maggie Blackstead, Julie Fodor, Tygh Hales, Kristyn Herbert, Bob Jackson, Roger Shanahan, Jill Smith, Mike Smith and Ed Wimmer.</p> <p><u>Members absent:</u> Rick Betzer, Wendall Cass, Ken Deibert, Donna Denney, Brett Harrell, Jana Jones</p> <p><u>Staff members present:</u> Marilyn Sword, Ron Enright, Tracy Warren, Christine Pisani, Pam Stanley and Judy Wauer.</p> <p><u>Visitors/Facilitators:</u> Wendy Shelman, Mike Holden, McKala Garza</p>
Approve November 7, 2003 Minutes	The minutes of the November 7, 2003, Council meeting were accepted as presented.
Reports	<u>Chair's Report</u> - Theresa has been working on the SABE conference and Project Vote. She reviewed the Project VOTE program with council members. Christine and

Reports cont'd.	<p>Theresa met with the Chief Deputy of the Secretary of State's office. He would like to attend the training if he can work it out. He may be able to provide money for additional training outside of the grant funds. Theresa is continuing to work on the Idaho Falls coalition team.</p> <p><u>Director's Report</u> - Marilyn provided written copies of her report to Council members. She reviewed key points: Tracy Warren and Christine Pisani have been sharing a position but they both need to work more than half time, both will go to more than half-time. Ron Enright has completed and submitted the annual report. We are still waiting for appointments to be made official by the Governor's office. Staff is still in the process of trying to get the internet access equipment upgraded. There is a vacancy on the ISSH advisory board with Socorro Sanchez's resignation.</p>
Executive Committee Report	<p><u>Financial Report</u> - Pam Stanley reviewed the financial report in the packets.</p> <p><u>Conference Funds/Requests</u> - The Council discussed SABE conference participants. Applicants who weren't selected to attend SABE may be asked to attend the Best of the West conference in Seattle to help with the presentation.</p> <p><u>Self-Determination Legislative Breakfast</u> – The Executive Committee also reviewed the SDTF Legislative Breakfast. The Consumer Education team did a great job.</p> <p><u>Network Summit</u> – Previously, discussions had been held regarding a DD Network summit in Idaho. It was determined that this would be an enormous undertaking and that instead the Council should collaborate with CO-AD on their Focus Groups.</p>
Membership Committee Report	<p><u>Appointments/Vacancies/Terms Up</u> - Liz Ricciardi reported that she visited the governor's office yesterday to inquire about Council appointments. Theresa Wilding has been appointed as Council chair and Wendy Shelman has been appointed to the Council, but the official letters haven't gone out yet. Liz also reviewed positions that are currently vacant and terms</p>

Membership Committee Report	<p>that will be expiring. The ones who have expiring terms will be contacted by the end of the day today to see if they are interested in reapplying, then recruitment strategies will be determined.</p> <p><u>Recruitment Strategies</u> - The Membership Committee discussed various sources to find people who may be interested in serving on the Council. Regions with limited representation on the Council will be targeted.</p> <p><u>Facilitation Training</u> - Facilitation training was discussed. Marilyn will put together cost estimates and the information will be presented to the Council in April.</p> <p><u>Attendance</u> – Council member attendance was discussed. When people commit to serving, then they need to attend the meetings.</p>
Consumer Leadership Report	<p>Alice Florence reported that the Consumer Leadership Committee reviewed the packets, discussed priorities, priority legislative issues and filling out reimbursement forms. Round table discussion groups at the Thursday dinner are beneficial. Strategies to keep meetings on track and still be able to hear everyone's voice was also discussed. Discussion took place regarding the consumer education teams in northern and southeastern Idaho. Members shared information on the projects they are working on.</p>
Public Policy Committee – Debrief Legislative Visits	<p>Members and staff reported on their legislative visits. The response seemed to be positive toward self-determination and Medicaid Buy-In, with the biggest concern being where the money would come from for Medicaid-Buy-In. Jim Baugh stated that he met with Representative Gagner who also talked about spending money in non-mandatory programs, driving up the Medicaid budget. Jim stated he tried to explain that some of the non-mandatory programs are less costly and replace the mandatory programs. He recommended that the Council put together something that provides information on Medicaid programs and services and how they save money and what programs they are replacing. There are programs that are optional that used to be provided by the state and state employees, and new optional programs were added that</p>

	<p>get federal matching funds. Over the years, programs have been moved out of Health and Welfare and moved</p>
<p>Public Policy Committee cont'd.</p>	<p>into Medicaid. An information paper needs to be developed to explain these changes. Julie also suggested that we put together stories of real people to present with the self-determination waiver information.</p> <p><u>Other Legislative Issues</u></p> <p>Bob Jackson reported that the Public Policy Committee reviewed the Self-Determination and Medicaid Buy-In information sheets during their meeting so that everyone was on the same page when they met with their legislators yesterday. These were the two focus issues that members were asked to provide information sheets and encourage legislators to continue to support them.</p> <p>Other issues that were discussed included:</p> <p><u>Accessible Information Technology Act</u> – pulled, it may become an Executive Order</p> <p><u>Preserving Essential Services</u> – Appropriations bills continue to be monitored to make sure no cuts are being made to current services.</p> <p><u>High Stakes Testing</u> – Continue to monitor with No Child Left Behind and ISAT testing. Working on guidelines for alternate assessment. Yesterday, a sub-committee recommended that they not use ISAT as a graduation requirement.</p> <p><u>Care Management Rules</u> – Getting ready to go statewide. Continue to monitor.</p> <p><u>Appropriations</u> – There was a small increase in the state appropriations, amounting to about \$3,100. The increase will mainly go toward an increase in the cost of benefits and raises.</p> <p><u>Transfer of Work Services to DVR</u> – Will continue to monitor. Ron Enright has a draft of the Position Statement for sheltered workshops and the Committee hopes to have a final draft to present to the full Council at the April meeting.</p> <p><u>SILC Legislation</u> – The State Independent Living Council (SILC) wants to be an independent agency created by statute not an executive order. They are working on legislation that would set them up similar to a health district. No action was required.</p>

	<p><u>House Bill 561</u> - Changes to election laws regarding accessibility of polling places.</p>
<p>Public Policy Committee cont'd.</p>	<p><u>Personal Liability of Members of Boards and Councils</u> – There is currently legislation before the house that would limit personal liability of members of boards and councils. The Committee elected Bob Jackson as their chair.</p>
<p>Other Legislative Issues</p>	<p><u>Health Insurance Rate Bands</u> - Jim Baugh reported that in almost every state, except for a few, health insurance rates are regulated for small groups. Idaho uses a rate band for regulating premiums. Health insurance rates for small groups and small employers have gone up at a higher rate than medical costs. If employers look at an applicant who may cause their rates to increase, it gives them an incentive to avoid hiring that person. This has a real impact on people with disabilities. The assumption is made that a person with a disability will drive up their health insurance costs, which is a bigger concern than whether or not they can do the job. Idaho has a rate band of +/- 50%. Jim stated that he doesn't know of any other state that has this high of a rate band. Most states are in the neighborhood of about +/-15%. There is a sunset clause on the rate band legislation. This year, the rate band will go away and insurance companies will be able to charge whatever they want for premiums, there will be no limits. Something needs to be done to preserve the rate band. A bill will probably be introduced to keep the rate band at 50%. They need to hear from the disability community. Small businesses have not taken a stand yet. Jim stated he is working on a position statement regarding the affects of high rate bands on people with disabilities finding employment and recommends that the rate bands be reduced to the range of 15%. A bill will probably be introduced to prevent this from sunseting. Bob Jackson moved to give Marilyn Sword authority to assist Jim Baugh with legislation that will maintain rate bands and lower the rate band percentage for small group insurance. Mike Smith seconded the motion. The vote was 13 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carried unanimously.</p>

	<p><u>Adult Daycare Resolution</u> - Jim reported that there is a Senate concurrent resolution that will be introduced by Scott Burpee regarding adult daycare services. This is not a CO-AD or SILC bill. It proposes residential care facilities be allowed to become adult daycare providers.</p>
Other Legislative Issues	<p>Instead of sending their clients to other programs they would be able to operate their own adult daycare and then get reimbursed from Medicaid. This would be a Medicaid service called Adult Daycare under the DD waiver. Jim stated that he is very concerned about activities that would be provided and that there would be very little regulations. Roger Shanahan stated that this sounded like self-serving legislation, he is totally opposed to it and feels it would be a backward step from self-determination. Roger Shanahan moved that the Council oppose this resolution, Jim Baugh should continue to track it and keep the Council updated. Tygh Hales seconded the motion. The vote was 13 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carried unanimously.</p>
Member Reports	<p>Council members gave their report on projects they have been working on since the last meeting.</p> <p>Mike Smith reported that there will be a self-determination weekend the first weekend in April. They would like Julie Fodor to talk about the Council's self-determination project.</p> <p>Julie reported that they are holding a train the trainer program this summer on behavioral supports and need individuals who would like to participate. It will be the third week in July. Anyone who is interested should contact Julie.</p> <p>Maggie reported that Michael Graham was hoping to attend this meeting but had a conflict. He will try to attend the April meeting. Funds are being transferred from DHW to DVR to take on the work services program. Supported employment doesn't quite align with DVR's integrated employment and they are concerned about the accountability factor without the staff and resources to make the program successful. DVR is trying to get 4 new positions. Their JFAC presentation is scheduled for 1 hour, February 6, 2004.</p>

Annual Report and Consumer Satisfaction	<p><u>Customer Satisfaction</u> – Ron Enright reported that Idaho is participating as a minimum allotment state in a pilot program for a consumer satisfaction survey. Approximately six states are participating. It started in January and will run through March. A focus group was conducted with CID, with a facilitator. A satisfaction survey will be given to a group of people at</p>
Annual Report and Consumer Satisfaction	<p>the completion of a council activity asking their opinion about the activity and the council. The consumer education team will be asked to participate in the survey. Ron will also be doing telephone interviews of participants. Personal interviews will also be conducted. By October they hope to have a finished product to use during the next federal fiscal year. The reason for this is accountability.</p> <p><u>Annual Program Performance Report (PPR)</u> – The annual report is required by the Administration on Developmental Disabilities. The due date was December 31st. Ron distributed copies to Council members who wanted one. He is also working on ideas on how to gather the required data throughout the year.</p>
Status Report Highlights	<p>Council staff reviewed the Status Report on Council projects for the last quarter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marilyn asked if she could present the white paper on the sheltered workshops to JFAC. Julie Fodor stated that there were some errors that needed to be corrected first. • Council on Native American Rehabilitation may be having a conference in Boise. Maggie will provide information as it becomes available. • The Consumer Education team did a powerful presentation to the legislators on January 14, 2004. Three of the six were interviewed on National Public Radio. They will be presenting at the IPUL Conference in March and at the SABE conference in May. Christine Pisani would like the second set of training to start no later than June. • Consumer Education training is almost complete for Regions 1 and 7. Christine recommended Regions 2 and 6 be the next group trained. There is an active People First chapter in

	<p>northern Idaho and there are self-advocates who are ready to be trained. HSRI won't be used for the next set of training. Christine will be the trainer and the self-advocates from Region 7 will be ready to start working with training. The third group trained would be Regions 3, 4 and 5 together. There were no objections to this plan.</p>
Round Table Discussions	<p>Council members and staff broke into groups for round table discussions regarding education, employment and community supports and outreach.</p>
Open Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reimbursement Forms ➤ Open Discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pam Stanley reviewed the process for completing reimbursement forms for council members who travel and have expenses. • Tracy Warren reported that there will be a parent panel on self- determination at the IPUL conference, March 11 and 12. Parents who are interested in participating should contact Tracy. • Mike Smith asked what the status was on holding Council meetings in various locations around the state. Marilyn stated that it had been discussed previously but with budget cuts and reduced funding, it was determined that the costs would be too high. • Bob Jackson requested that when the Council puts together the RFP for the People First coordinators for each region, he would like to see a Best Buddy program included with this.
Future Activities/Agenda Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Council Retreat ➤ Focus Groups with CO-AD ➤ Agenda Items for April 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Retreat – Council members felt there needed to be measurable goals to justify a retreat. Marilyn suggested a self-evaluation of the organization once a year, maybe the spring meeting. This could help with strategic planning and setting goals. • Focus Groups – Council members will participate in focus groups with Co-Ad and other agencies. Jim Baugh stated that when those focus groups have issues that pertain to developmental disabilities Marilyn could be notified and then arrangements could be made for a council member to participate. • Theresa will be reviewing meeting procedures and will then review with council members at the next meeting. • Caring Foundation for Children presentation

	<p>was suggested by Rick Betzer at a previous meeting. Marilyn will talk further with Rick.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Workplan – Project teams will be set up by area of emphasis and will begin our plan for 2005. It needs to be submitted to ADD by August 15. Any significant changes have to go out for public review for 45 days.
Future Activities/Agenda Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 8 (subsidized housing) presentation was suggested in a previous meeting. • Election of Council chairperson. • Christine Pisani suggested Special Olympics be asked them to do a presentation on their leadership training. • Consumer Education team may be asked to make a presentation at the July meeting. • The next Council meeting is scheduled for April 8 and 9. This was changed from the original schedule. • Christine asked for names of people who may be good People First coordinators who have the time and the values to do this job.
Wrap Up and Evaluation	Theresa asked all Council members to complete the evaluation form.
Adjournment	There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.